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NORTH CAROLINA MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY POSSESSION

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated that

Clyde Mitchell, age 53, of Gaston, North Carolina, was sentenced today in federal

court in Charleston, South Carolina, for Possession of Child Pornography, a violation

of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A. United States District Judge Richard Gergel of Charleston

sentenced MITCHELL to 120 months imprisonment and lifetime supervised release.

Evidence presented at the guilty plea hearing established that Mitchell was a

former employee at the Charleston International Airport. In November 2010, Mitchell

was interviewed by airport police after a coworker retrieved a compact disc from

Mitchell's office that contained child pornography. Based on this report, a search

warrant was obtained to search his office and computer. During a forensic

examination, approximately 2,000 images of child pornography were found on Mitchell's computer. Mitchell was previously convicted of criminal sexual conduct with a minor and was a registered sex offender during the commission of the child pornography offense.

The case was investigated by agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney Rhett DeHart of the Charleston office prosecuted the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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